If you are thinking of collaborating with Japanese researchers to do a joint research project or seminar, JSPS has a scheme under the framework of its bilateral program, called **Open Partnership Joint Research Projects/Seminars**.

### What’s this scheme for?
It gives all researchers around the world an opportunity to conduct bilateral joint research projects or seminars with *funded* Japanese colleagues.

### What is the difference from “Standard Scheme”?
Counterpart countries are **expanded to countries around the world in Open Partnership**. (No counterpart agreement is required.)

Cf. Counterpart countries under existing agreements in FY2019 application round for JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars;
- **Africa**: Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, Tunisia
- **Asia and Middle East**: China, India, Indonesia, Israel, Philippines, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam
- **South America**: Brazil
- **Oceania**: New Zealand
- **Europe**: Austria, Belgium, Czech, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden, UK

### How does the scheme work?
If your Japanese colleagues have no funds to support a joint research project or seminar with you, please **ask them to apply for JSPS’s Open Partnership Joint Research Projects/Seminars program**. If you also do not have funds for a joint undertaking, you could try to secure them from funding agencies in your country/region, mentioning that matching funding is available for your Japanese colleagues via the **Open Partnership Joint Research Projects/Seminars program**.

### What expenses does the scheme support?
It supports the costs of the Japanese teams, mainly their travel and accommodations.
- Joint Project (1-2 years): Up to JPY 2,000,000 / year / project
- Joint Seminar (up to 1 week): Up to JPY 2,000,000 / year / seminar

### What are the target fields?
**All academic fields**: Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences including mathematical sciences, physical sciences, chemistry, engineering, biology, agricultural sciences, medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.
How does “Open Partnership Joint Research Projects/Seminars” work?

**Open Partnership Joint Research Projects/Seminars**

- All countries (**)  
- All Academic fields  
- Counterpart researchers are expected (but not required) to secure matching funds from sources in their own countries/regions.  
- Up to JPY 2,000,000 per fiscal year for Japanese team  
- Duration: Up to 2 years for joint projects and up to 1 week for seminars

**cf. [Standard Scheme]** Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars with JSPS’s Counterpart institutions

- Specific countries  
- Specific fields agreed between JSPS and its counterpart institutions  
- Matching funds are provided by JSPS and its counterpart institutions

(*) All countries that have diplomatic relationships with Japan. JSPS also treats researchers who reside in Taiwan and Palestine in this manner.  
(**) Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences including mathematical sciences, physical sciences, chemistry, engineering, biology, agricultural sciences, medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.

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